

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The mounting structure according to claim 6 [[1]], wherein the elastic member is a molded part.
3. (Currently Amended) The mounting structure according to claim 6 [[1]], wherein the length of the elastic member in the circumferential direction is shorter than the length of the outer peripheral surface of the tank main body in the circumferential direction.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently Amended) The mounting structure according to claim 1 A mounting structure for a heat accumulation tank, comprising:
a tank main body forming the heat accumulation tank;
an elastic member that wraps around the periphery of the tank main body; and
a mounting member which wraps around the outer peripheral surface of the elastic member, which holds the tank main body via the elastic member,
wherein the mounting member has:
a band that extends in the circumferential direction of the tank main body,
and
a bracket that attaches to the band, via spot welding, at a spot weld zone,

wherein the spot weld zone is provided on at least one side portion from among both side portions of the band when the band is divided into thirds in the width direction, the spot welding of the bracket at this location serving to prevent uneven surface pressure on the middle third portion of the band in the width direction, which enables the heat accumulation tank to be held with greater reliability,

wherein the width direction of the band is perpendicular to the circumferential direction of the tank body,

wherein the tank main body has an axial core and the heat accumulation tank is mounted ~~to the receiving member~~ with the axial core of the tank main body pointing in the vertical direction; and the mounting member includes a shift inhibiting portion which inhibits the tank main body from shifting upwards in the vertical direction of the tank main body.

7. (Currently Amended) The mounting structure according to claim 6, wherein the band has a wide portion; the shift inhibiting portion is formed from a bracket that is separate from the band, and attached to the wide portion of the band at [[a]] the spot weld zone; and the spot weld zone is provided on at least one side portion from among both side portions of the band when the band is divided into thirds in the width direction.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently Amended) The mounting structure according to claim 1 A mounting structure for a heat accumulation tank, comprising:

a tank main body forming the heat accumulation tank;
an elastic member that wraps around the periphery of the tank main body; and
a mounting member which wraps around the outer peripheral surface of the elastic member, which holds the tank main body via the elastic member,
wherein the mounting member has:
a band that extends in the circumferential direction of the tank main body,
and

a bracket that attaches to the band, via spot welding, at a spot weld zone,
wherein the spot weld zone is provided on at least one side portion from among
both side portions of the band when the band is divided into thirds in the width direction,
the spot welding of the bracket at this location serving to prevent uneven surface pressure
on the middle third portion of the band in the width direction, which enables the heat
accumulation tank to be held with greater reliability,

wherein the width direction of the band is perpendicular to the circumferential
direction of the tank body,

further comprising an extended portion extending in the axial direction of the tank main body on the band; and the bracket is fixed to the band at the extended portion.

10. (Currently Amended) The mounting structure according to claim 6 [[1]], wherein the tank main body has an axial core, and the heat accumulation tank is mounted ~~to the receiving member~~ with the axial core of the tank main body pointing in the vertical direction; and the tank main body is shaped so as to have an increasingly wider outside diameter upwards in the vertical direction.

11.–20.(Canceled)

21. (New) The mounting structure according to claim 9, wherein the elastic member is a molded part.
22. (New) The mounting structure according to claim 9, wherein the length of the elastic member in the circumferential direction is shorter than the length of the outer peripheral surface of the tank main body in the circumferential direction.
23. (New) The mounting structure according to claim 9, wherein the tank main body has an axial core, and the heat accumulation tank is mounted with the axial core of the tank main body pointing in the vertical direction; and the tank main body is shaped so as to have an increasingly wider outside diameter upwards in the vertical direction.